Friendship Scans presents

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THIS CHAPTER
READS LEFT TO RIGHT!

Silk Moon Petit Road

ooors-a-daisy
kyaa kyaa
kyaa kyaa
IT COULDN'T BE...
WHAT?
THEY SAID A DEAD CAT WASHED UP ON SHORE
WAS IT A CAT?
MY
A WHITE AND YOUNG CAT AT THAT
kyaa kyaa
THE POOR THING I WONDER IF IT FELL CHASING A BUTTERFLY OR SOMETHING
TV REPOR
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And now for the news
CHIBI!
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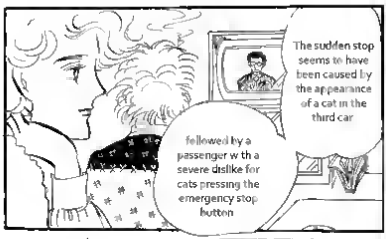
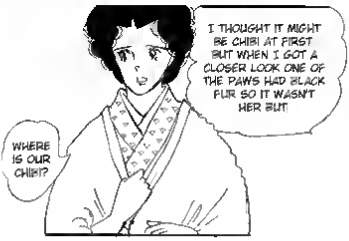

The sudden stop seems to have been caused by the appearance of a cat in the third car
followed by a passenger with a severe dislike for cats pressing the emergency stop button

This morn, a train on the national Chue railway line came to a sudden stop between the Ogiyama and HiruOgi stations
The stop caused roughly 20,000 of the passengers to lose their footing

I DON'T KNOW WHOSE CAT THAT WAS BUT IF THE OWNER HAD BEEN FOUND HE'D BE STUCK WITH A HEFTY FINE

AN ATTENDANT CAPTURED THE CAT TO DROP IT OFF OUTSIDE OF OGIYAMA STATION BUT WHILE WAITING FOR THE OWNER THE CAT ESCAPED
WHAT A DUMB NEWS STORY SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING I'D COME UP WITH

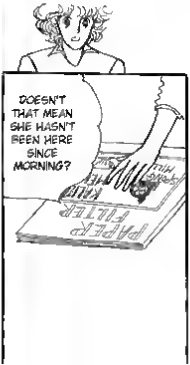
HUH? WHAT'S UP. YOUR FACE IS LOOKING PALE
THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER!! WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT CAT AFTERWARDS?


I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE CHIBI AT FIRST BUT WHEN I GOT A CLOSER LOOK ONE OF THE PAWS HAD BLACK FUR SO IT WASN'T HER BUT
WHERE IS OUR CHIBI?

I SAW A CAT WHICH HAD DROWNED AND DIED NEAR THERE TODAY
IT WAS WHITE AND LOOKED JUST LIKE CHIBI.

I'm going to Persia
I'm going to Persia
The origin of cats
Sand clouds
and a palace.
The land where
Raphael lives.

MAYBE SHE IS BEING RESERVED AND WON'T COME OUT TODAY
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THIS IS ABOUT THE TIME OUR CHIBI GETS HUNGRY AND STARTS FOLLOWING MOM AROUND



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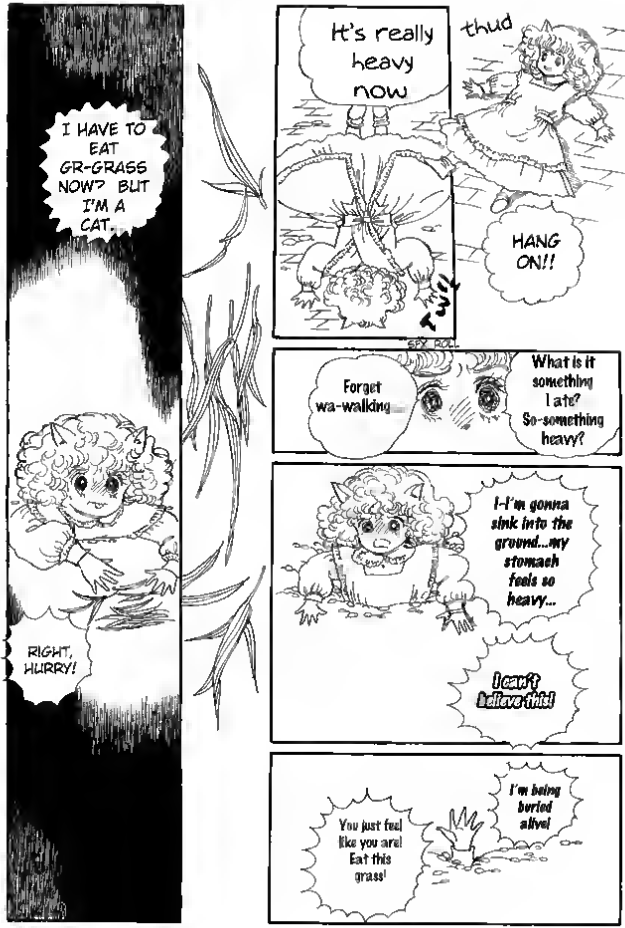
I'm so lucky this plastic bin was knocked over
Now that I'm full, it's time to go
Pinoo
Hm...
Since I got dropped off at Oojiyama, my plans were messed up. I wanted to go all the way to Fersia on the Chuo line.
I'm going to have to walk there now
ZUZUN.
Wah!
*HEAVIER DROP
Huh?
SHIN.
*DROP
Is it just my imagination? My stomach feels twice as heavy as when I had I just finished eating


I HAVE TO EAT GR-GRASS NOW? BUT I'M A CAT.
RIGHT, HURRY!
It's really heavy now
thud
HANG ON!!
PWU
SPY ROL
Forget wa-walking
What is it something I ate? So-something heavy?
I-I'm gonna sink into the ground...my stomach feels so heavy...
I can't believe this!
You just feel like you are! Eat this grass!
I'm being buried alive!

It..It's actually kinda tasty
... I ate it.....
Eventually, your stomach will start to go crazy in there, when that happens you can use these bushes over there for a toilet
You probably ate something bad for digestion.
Thanks
....You were right I feel much better now
If you had eaten vinyl than even eating the grass wouldn't make it come out You'd just die from the pain.
Hah. How did you know?
If you had lived with your parents than you would know what you can and can't eat and also that grass is good as a laxative.
I bet you haven't lived with your cat parents.
I bet you didn't know this either If you lick your fur too much hairballs start forming in your stomach and if it gets really bad you could die.
GARBAGE DAYS
COMBUSTIBLES MWF
NON COMBUSTIBLES F

TL/N. Tamageta is actually written with the kanji for soul and the kanji for erase/disappear, not hai of hair

Are you a boy?
It fits.
Yup. male. 5 months old
Th-then do you think maybe that's where the "tamage" (hairball in the human word "tamageta" (to be surprised) comes from?*
Is this your territory?
That's my house over there. After you rest a bit you'll get hungry again.
When you do eat this
I brought it from my house while you were in the bushes.
Kyaa! A whole row of fish!
Can I really have this?
I'm already hungry!
Thanks for the meal!!
Eat it. It's still fresh.
CHOMP

A sand pit as far as you can see. A really big litter box. Persia the birthplace of cats.
Desert????
A toilet as far as you can see?
I'm gonna go touch the desert
What are you gonna do when you get there?
Persia. I think it'll be there if I follow this railway a little farther
Where are you in the middle of gonna somewhere?
I want to go too!!
W...with you!!
It's so amazing that there's even a palace in the sand to let.
Amazing
Yeah!
You want to see it too?
munch munch
If it's just the basic letters I can read the human words and I can tell the difference between foods that good to eat or not I'm pretty useful

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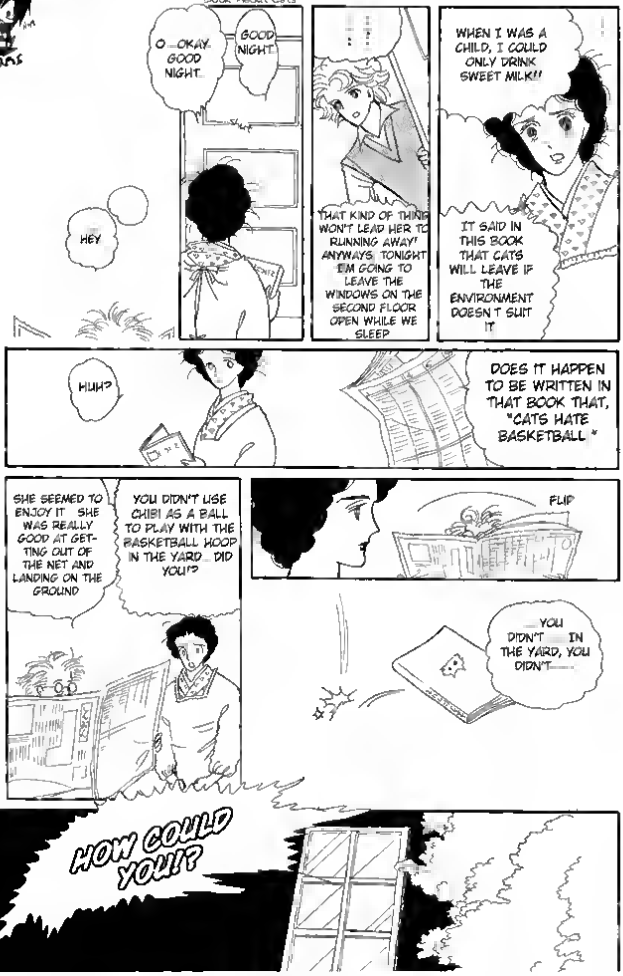
SHE STARTED ON THIS JOURNEY BECAUSE OF CURIOSITY. THEN SHE WENT TOO FAR AND GOT LOST. AND NOW SHE'S EVEN TRANSFORMING INTO A STRAY CAT.

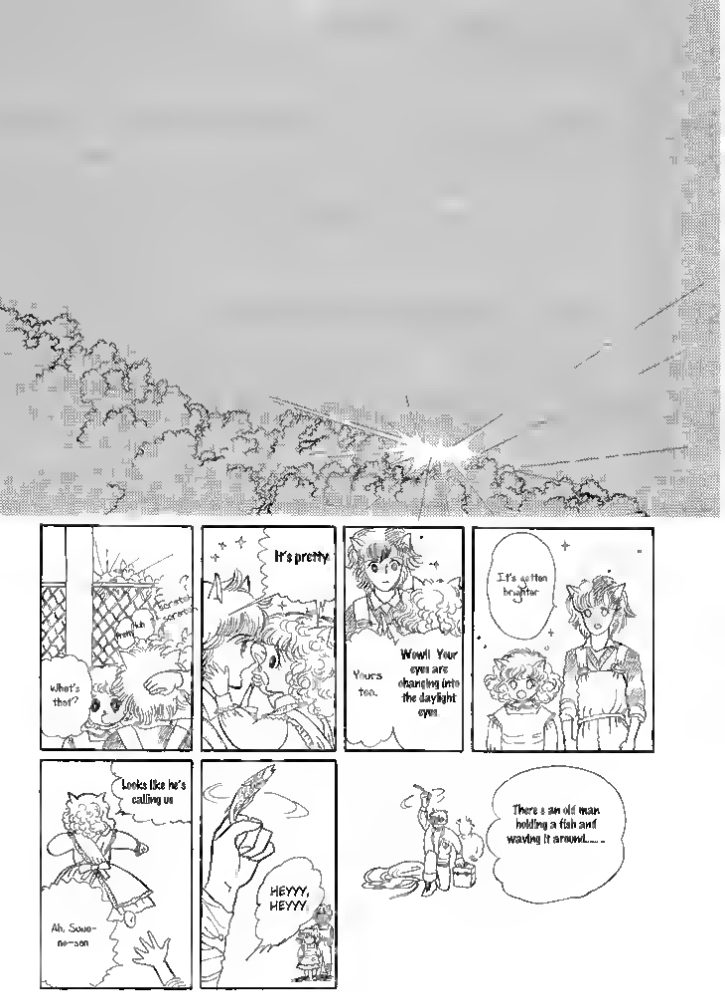
AND YET, FOR A KITTEN THE GOOD FORTUNE OF TRANSFORMING INTO A STRAY IS RARE. A NAIVE KITTEN IS ALWAYS IN DANGER.

But I'm not very useful.
I think it'll be fine as long as one of us is useful. My name is Suzuki Buchi-neko. Nice to meet you. What's your name?

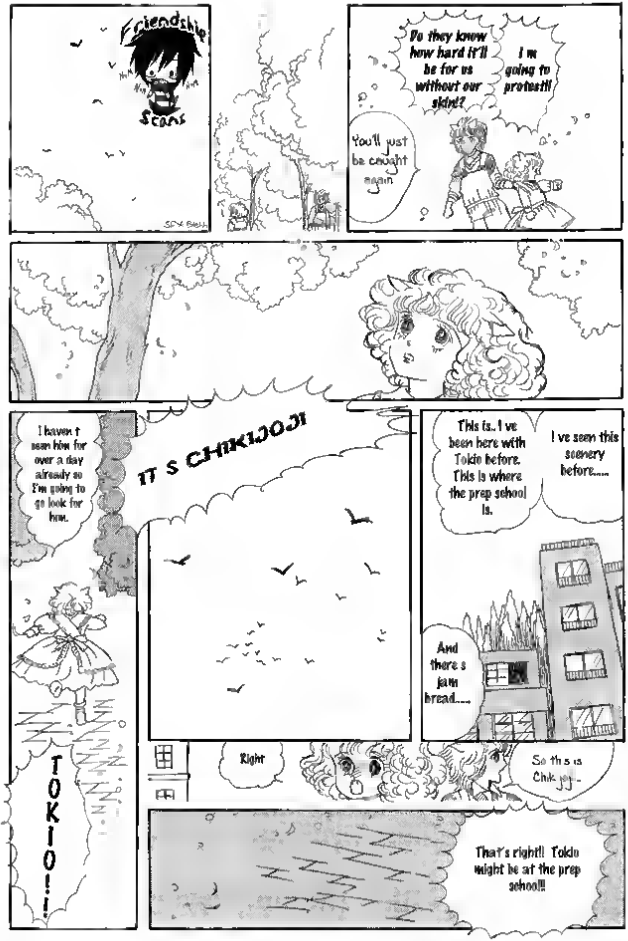
TL/N THEY GIVE THEIR NAMES LIKE JAPANESE PEOPLE DO. SURNAME FIRST. THEIR GIVEN NAMES BUCHI AND CHIBI ARE FOLLOWED BY "NEKO" MEANING CAT. I'M NOT SURE WHY. BUCHI CAN MEAN SPOT OR SPECKLE OR FRECKLES FOR A CAT NAME

MOM!
THERE ARE TIMES THEY GET RUN OVER BY CARS BACKING UP IF THEY ARE SLOW!
THE ONES THAT DIE FROM EATING THE POISON SET ON RAT TRAPS ARE NOT FEW!
THERE ARE MANY CASES WHERE THEY ARE BITTEN TO DEATH BY STRAY DOGS OR VIOLENT STRAY CATS!
YOU SHOULDN'T USE WORRYING ABOUT CHIBI AS AN EXCUSE TO JOKE AROUND!
STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU
KYAAAAH
AND THE 100% BEEF HAMBURGER COULD ACTUALLY BE A 100% CAT MEAT
DAD!
AAAHHH
THEY MAY UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF WATER. GET STUCK IN A RIVER AND BE WASHED AWAY
BOOK: ALL ABOUT CATS
I JUST FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING HER RUNNING AWAY...
READING ABOUT CATS IN THIS BOOK IT SAYS THAT CATS DON'T REALLY LIKE THE SAME FLAVOURS AS HUMANS
HUH?
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW AND I'VE BEEN PUTTING SUGAR IN HER MILK
THEN STOP WORRYING SO MUCH!
MOM ISN'T JOKING AROUND AT ALL —TOKIO!!
CATS HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES TOO! WHEN SHE GETS BACK SHE'LL PROBABLY BE PURRING WHILE DRINKING HER MILK AGAIN!


Book About Cats
O...OKAY. GOOD NIGHT.
GOOD NIGHT.
HEY
THAT KIND OF THING WON'T LEAD HER TO RUNNING AWAY! ANYWAYS, TONIGHT I'M GOING TO LEAVE THE WINDOWS ON THE SECOND FLOOR OPEN WHILE WE SLEEP
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I COULD ONLY DRINK SWEET MILK!!
IT SAID IN THIS BOOK THAT CATS WILL LEAVE IF THE ENVIRONMENT DOESN'T SUIT IT
HUH?
DOES IT HAPPEN TO BE WRITTEN IN THAT BOOK THAT, "CATS HATE BASKETBALL"
SHE SEEMED TO ENJOY IT. SHE WAS REALLY GOOD AT GETTING OUT OF THE NET AND LANDING ON THE GROUND
YOU DIDN'T USE CHIBI AS A BALL TO PLAY WITH THE BASKETBALL HOOP IN THE YARD... DID YOU!?
FLIP
...YOU DIDN'T ... IN THE YARD, YOU DIDN'T...
HOW COULD YOU!?


what's that?
It's pretty
Yours too.
Wow!! Your eyes are changing into the daylight eyes
It's gotten brighter
Ah, Sousen-san
Looks like he's calling us
HEYYY, HEYYY
There's an old man holding a fish and waving it around.....

Put it in the bag, the bag!!
OK
Hey it's female.
Ah, oh no.
Did you call, sir?
GOOD GOING!! ONLY THE WHITE ONE CAME. THE WHITE ONE IS WORTH SOME MONEY, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S FEMALE
Ta/N: Original text
A shamisen.... That twangy sounding one?
The one with three strings that the old lady next to that apartment was playing...
Yes!
That's a cat!? That was a cat!!?
IT SCRATCH ED ME! IT SCRATCH ED ME!
WHAT HAPPENED OLD MAN!?
Hurry!! We have to run. Into the bushes!
GRAAAAGH
RIP SHRED RIP SHRED SHRED
It's a cat-snatcher a cat-snatcher!! If they catch you, you'll be skinned and turned into a shamisen!
But it seemed like that old man wanted something!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Do they know how hard it'll be for us without our skin!?
I'm going to protest!!
You'll just be caught again
I haven't seen him for over a day already so I'm going to go look for him.
IT'S CHIKUJOJI
This is... I've been here with Tokio before. This is where the prep school is.
I've seen this scenery before.....
And there's jam bread.....
Right
So this is Chikujoji.
TOKIO!!
That's right!! Tokio might be at the prep school!!

Tokioo!
Tokioooi
rustle
rustle
rustle
rustle
HERE HAVE SOME JAM BREAD

It's very fluffy and when you bite into it your teeth sink in. It's a mysterious food. They sell it over there.
Suzuki-kun, have you ever had jam bread before?
...He must've...taken a day off...from prep school today.....
...Are you crying?
Don't you mean "steal" some!?
I'm gonna go buy some!!
SFX: Tatatata
So is this already dead?
It's dead.
Here, it's really good
Why did they hit me? I even greeted them after I grabbed the jam bread.
Did you get hit?
Prod
SFX stare...
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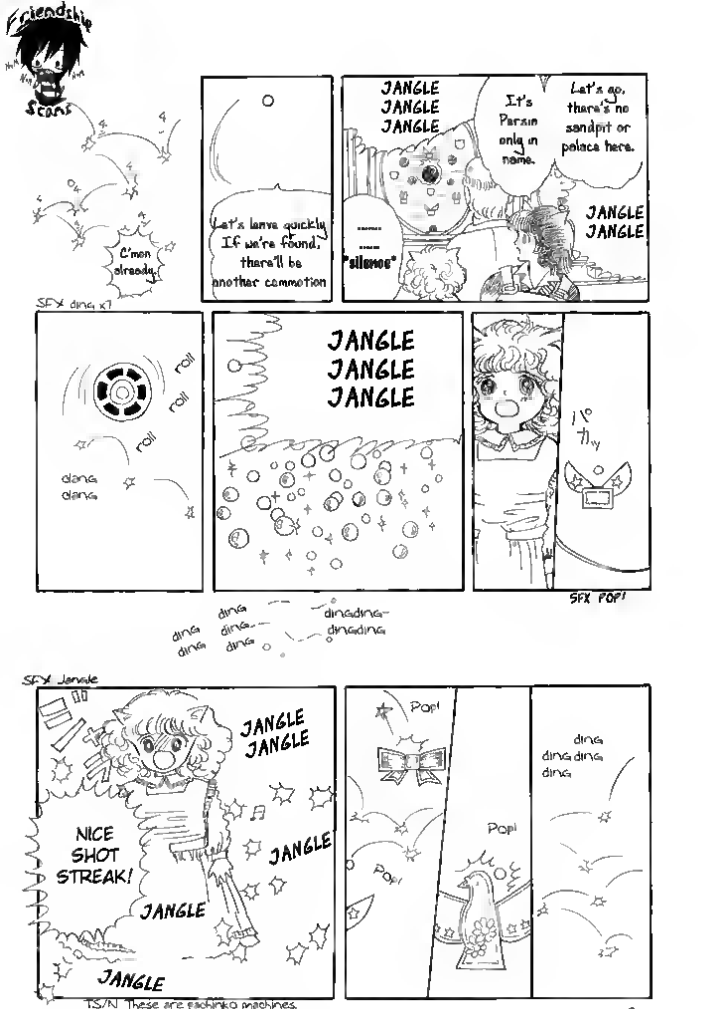
Is Tokio your lover?
Yup. My number one lover
Is it good?
Yeah.
I'd rather just watch you eat. It's your first time and all.
Aren't you going to eat?
Number one is Tokio number two is Raphael.
A lover, huh.
If Persia is beyond Chikyu, then we should start searching from around here.
There sure are a lot of number three lovers.
Number three is Tokio's mother, Tokio's father, Yodel Cat and Miss Braids. Raphael just might maybe be in Persia.
We have Turkey* near our house so Persia must be around here too.

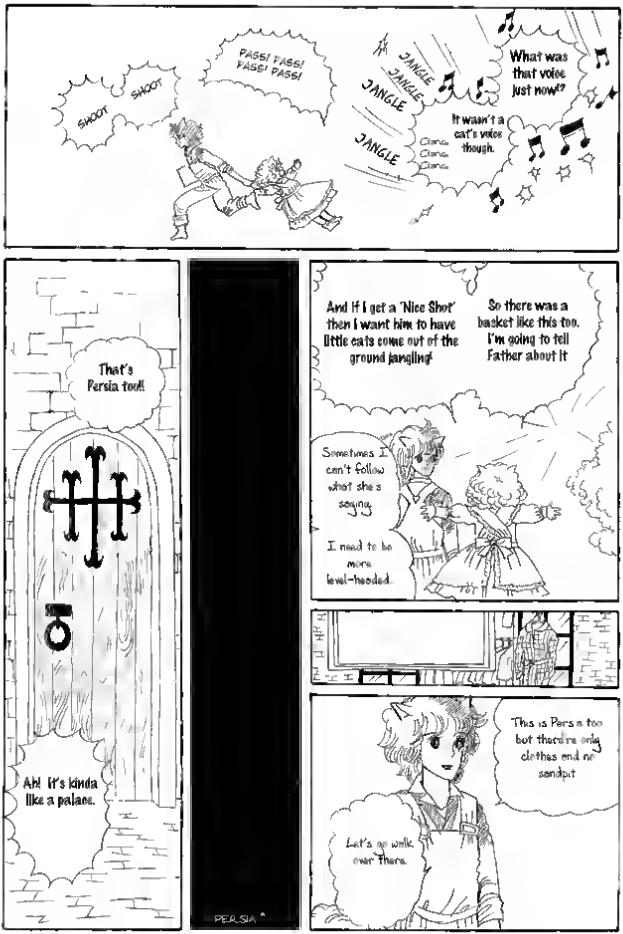
T/N: No idea what this means sorry
PR/N: Think it's a play on Turkey the country being near Persia and turkey the food?

SHOES
ムーンロード
Sign Moon Road
Persia, Persia.
Persia, Persia.
チェリーナード
Sign Cherry Road
Persia, Persia.
Persia, Persia.
プチロード
Persia, Persia.
Sign Petite Road
Whoa, there's so many people on this side.
Let's be careful walking so we don't get stepped on.
トラン
SFX crowd crowd
Will you help me find a stationery store!? A stationery store.
No, I forget something really important. The sign paper for Raphael's pawprint.
COFFEE CAFE
Ahh!
You got stepped on!?
喫茶
coffee
指紋
Sign Stationery
マンボウ クン
文房具
Stationery store, stationery store stationery store, stationery store.
I found one!
おもちゃ
Sign TOYS
Sign Coffee + Cake
MANAGER, A CAT TOOK ONE OF OUR SIGNING PAPERS!!
ノート えんぴつ ペン
文房具店

It's Persia!
Clang Jangle Jangle
Jangle Jangle Jangle
Clang Jangle Jangle Jangle
Clang Clang Jangle Jangle
WHERE'S THE SANDPIT? THE PALACE?
CLANG Clang
Chikara-sama!
DOKI
HERE!?
Look, look. I found Persia it's Persia.
PERSIA
Persia Entrance
THIS IS PERSIA!!



TS/N These are pachinko machines.


SHOOT
SHOOT
PASS! PASS!
PASS! PASS!
JANGLE
JANGLE
JANGLE
JANGLE
Clang
Clang
Clang
What was that voice just now?
It wasn't a cat's voice though.
That's Persia too!!
Ah! It's kinda like a palace.
PERSIA
And if I get a 'Nice Shot' then I want him to have little cats come out of the ground jangling!
So there was a basket like this too. I'm going to tell Father about it
Sometimes I can't follow what she's saying.
I need to be more level-headed.
This is Persia too but there're only clothes and no sandpit
Let's go walk over there.

RAFHAEL IS WAVING HIS HAND

IN THAT CORNER THERE IS RAFHAEL

AN ENDLESS LAND OF SAND A HAPPY COMPANION

I SHOULD HURRY AND GO AHH, BUT I'M BURIED IN THIS SAND AND CAN'T MOVE WHERE IS THE GRASS? WHERE IS THE GRASS?

Persia!!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME I'M NOT SO FREE THAT I HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH CATS.
WELCOME!
WHERE'S THE MAGNIFICENT SAND? THE PALACE!?
HEY, YOU GUYS INSTEAD OF MICE CAN YOU CATCH COCKROACHES? COCKROACHES?!
IF YOU CAN CATCH THEM I'LL KEEP YOU HERE I'LL LET YOU STAY!!
The door's gonna open. Persia's door
click
click
Wake up!!
...So I was dreaming
creeeeak
What? Persia's gonna open?
Persia is going to open!!
Brass
Huh?
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It's hunting so take a good look.
A SECRET BIRD HUNTING TECHNIQUE PASSED ON TO ME FROM MY MOTHER
What are you gonna do?
There was sound of a bird's wing just now I'll get us the food supply
Hunt...
For food...
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

Like so, the secret bird hunting technique involves spreading the fingers on the front paws as wide as you can and holding down the prey. Without moving that paw, get the prey positioned right and sever the spinal cord in one swipe.
pat pat
poro poro poro
poro poro
pat pat
Wait here a minute. You probably won't about it eat that since you just keep petting it.
I'll go look for something else.

NO GOOD HUH?
POP POP
FRIED FISH BALL THIEF!
SANDWICH! SOUR KELP THIEF!
CRACKERS!
DRIED FISH!
CROQUETTE
SHE WON'T EAT ANY OF THE THINGS I BRING NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM SHE'S JUST FATTING THEM THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN KEEP GOING NOW SHE'S GOING TO COLLAPSE ON THE STREETS AT THIS RATE
ONLY WATER
THE FISH-PASTE CAKE, THE FRIED FISH BALL, THE DRIED FISH, THE CRACKERS,
THE SANDWICHES, AND THE TWISTED BREAD WERE ALL ALIVE BEFORE.
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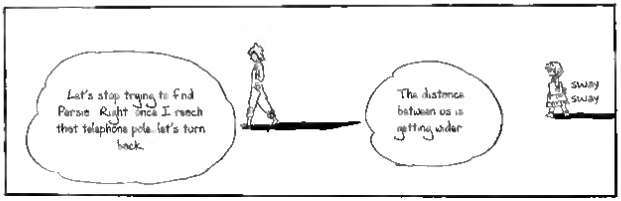
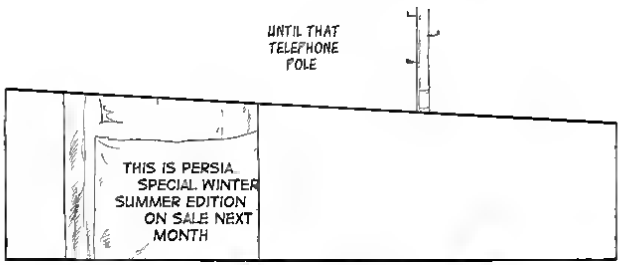
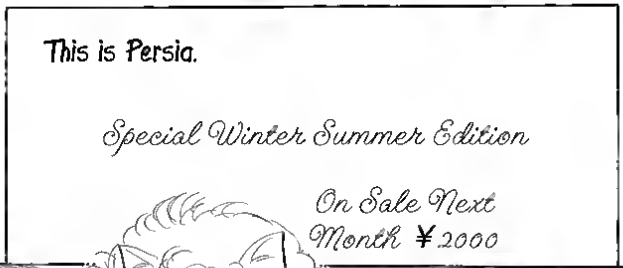
SHE WON'T SAY ANYTHING EITHER


Let's stop trying to find Persia. Right since I reach that telephone pole...let's turn back.
The distance between us is getting wider
sway
sway


UNTIL THAT TELEPHONE POLE
THIS IS PERSIA SPECIAL WINTER SUMMER EDITION ON SALE NEXT MONTH


This is Persia.
Special Winter Summer Edition
On Sale Next Month ¥2000

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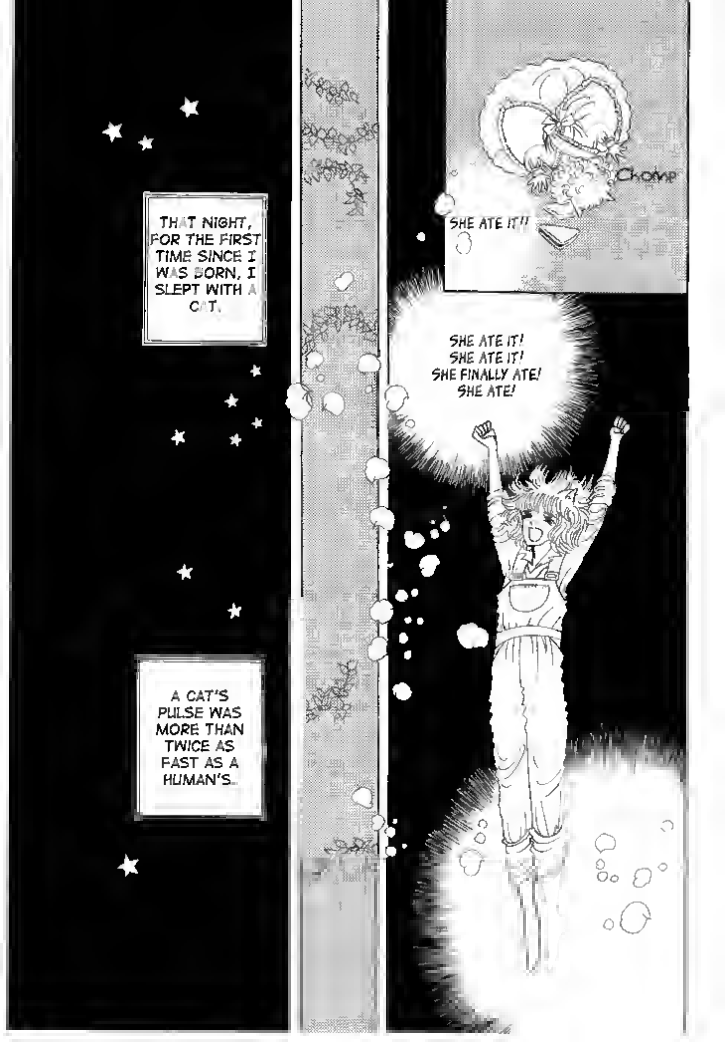
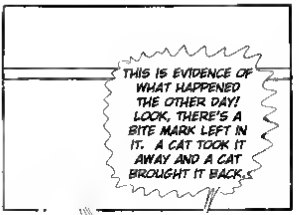
Persia
Special Winter On Sale Next
IT'S. IT'S PERSIA
It's..it's exactly the same.
Mr..Mr Hard-bolled's picture must have been a photo of this.
What, this is just a picture, though it does say Persia on it
I..I guess cats came from pictures.
If-if Persian cats are from Persia and Persia is a picture then cats must be from pictures
Huh?

SFX Bang
What are you doing!?
That's true.
I see...
And then if Raphael is in Persia, then Raphael must have gone inside this picture.
Just before, I was inside some pictures.
So if we try, we can get inside a picture!?
SFX yeah yeah
We must need some kind of spell to get in. I'll ask as soon as I get home.
So let's rest a bit and go back.
Before you rest eat this
If you don't eat you'll be worn out and on the way to the other world before I can ask about the spell.
If you don't eat then you'll die like this and you won't ever get to see Tokio again.
SFX slide slide


THAT NIGHT, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I WAS BORN, I SLEPT WITH A CAT.
A CAT'S PULSE WAS MORE THAN TWICE AS FAST AS A HUMAN'S.
Chomp
SHE ATE IT!!
SHE ATE IT! SHE ATE IT! SHE FINALLY ATE! SHE ATE!

I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT IT MADE ME VERY SAD INDEED.
LISTENING TO A CAT'S HEARTBEAT WHILE THINKING OF A HUMAN'S HEARTBEAT. EACH RAPID BEAT MADE ME THAT MUCH SADDER


THIS IS EVIDENCE OF WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER DAY! LOOK, THERE'S A BITE MARK LEFT IN IT. A CAT TOOK IT AWAY AND A CAT BROUGHT IT BACK.

I GOT MY ENERGY BACK AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP. WE WENT BACK TO THE STATIONERY STORE TO RETURN THE SIGN PAPER.

SUZUKI-NEKO AND I DECIDED TO FART AT THE CHIKIJOJI TRAIN STATION

SUZUKI-NEKO SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER THAT WAY, STAMINA-WISE

SINCE SUZUKI-NEKO SAID HE WOULD WALK HOME, I WILL BE THE ONLY ONE RIDING FREE OF CHARGE

I don't mind. I did want to see a huge litter box but naturally I just wanted to go with you.
Were you disappointed that Persia was a picture?

My mother cat worries about her because she hadn't taught her anything yet. And so I couldn't leave you alone after seeing you either.
She's my younger sister but since she was the cutest of us siblings she was the first one to find a new owner right after we were born.
You look like Persian.

Gooh
Powder she really looks just like you! The only difference is that one of her paws is black.
Ah, the train is here.
See you again!
Okay!! Bye see you again
Well then, be careful. I'll ask about the spell.
See you again-----!
goton
goton
goton
goton
goton

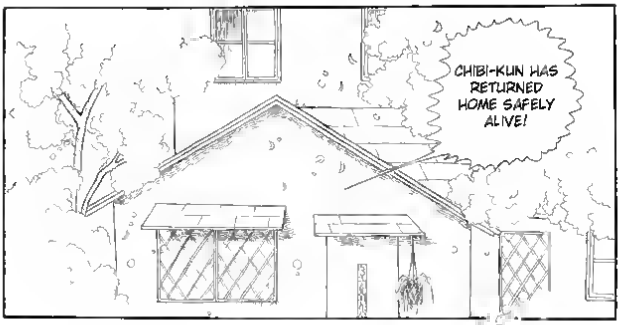
goton goton goton

tumble
KYAA
Gatan
Wah
I have to be careful not to get caught this time so I can get to the station my house is at
goto
goto goto
goto
KYAH IT'S STILL A KITTEN
AGAIN? THERE WAS SOMETHING SIMILAR ON THE FIFTH
WHAT, A CAT?
KYAH, IT'S A CAT.
CHIBIIII??
Myaa!

Ugh, she's lost so much weight
IF THE OWNER IS FOUND HE'D BE STUCK WITH A HEFTY FINE
Meow!
CHIBI!! IT'S REALLY CHIBI! WHY? WHY ARE RIDING A TRAIN!!?
WHEN IT WAS ON THE NEWS THE OTHER DAY THAT A CAT WAS DROPPED OFF ON THE CHUO LINE COULD THAT HAVE BEEN
That was me.
lick lick
THEN THAT MEANS

TOKIO'S HAND IT'S TOKIO'S HAND

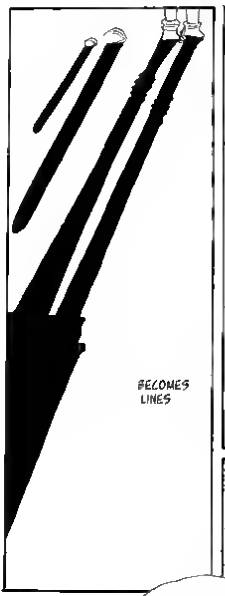
goton goton



Ahh and the pictures. He asked about that too.
He spoke about you. He wondered if he could be your number four lover following your number three.
We can go into the paper when a camera takes our picture but he wanted to know if we can jump into a picture... About that I don't know either. Not yet.

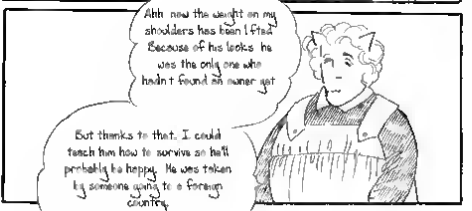
AND SO, I COULD EAT IT AS MUCH AS I WANTED AND I GOT MY STRENGTH BACK. I SUCCEEDED IN MAKING IT TO SUZUKI-NEKO'S HOUSE FROM BEFORE, BUT THAT CAT HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN AWAY BY A NEW OWNER

...Hmm.


BECOMES LINES

It's so that prey is easier to find from between the spaces in grass and other things
But do you know why a cat's iris gets thinner depending on the light?
So I think that getting inside a picture will probably have something to do with light. Maybe the whole body gets thinner and thinner until it becomes lines and then you can go in.

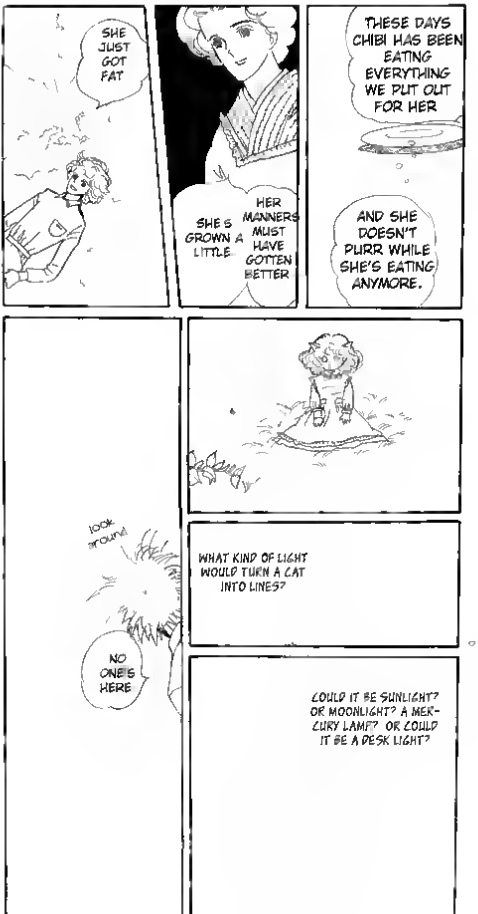
HAH?

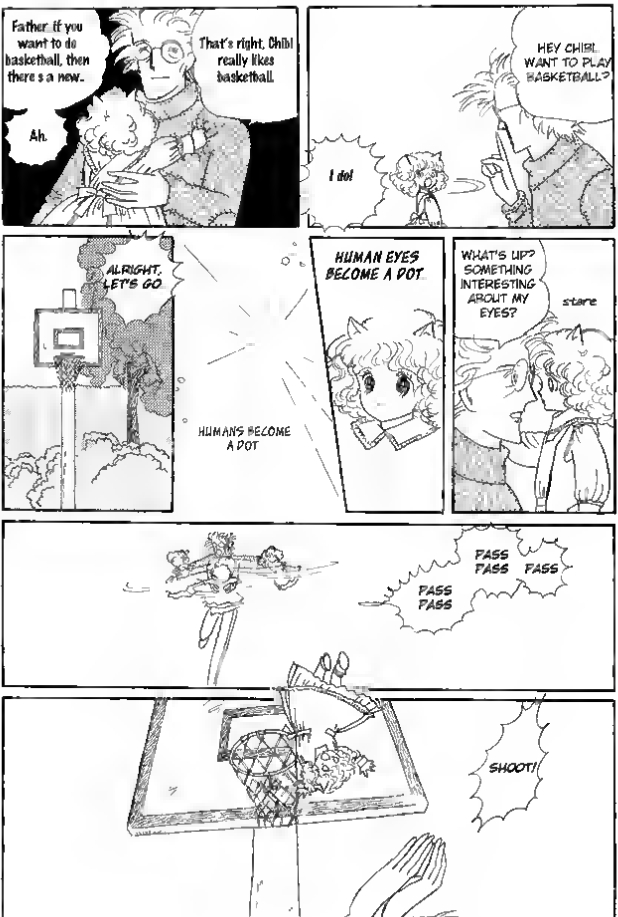

Ahh now the weight on my shoulders has been lifted. Because of his looks he was the only one who hadn't found an owner yet
But thanks to that, I could teach him how to survive on his own. He will probably be happy. He was taken by someone going to a foreign country.

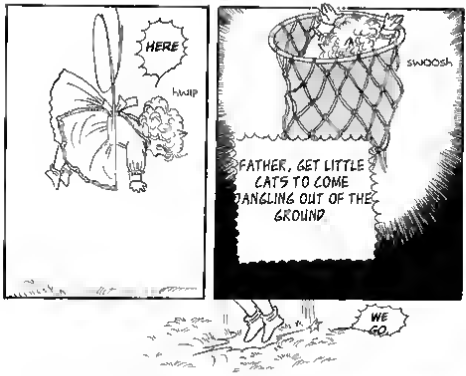
Be careful on your way home.
I'll be having k ds again soon. Sil when they're born come back to see them.
Yes.
That's what my son's new owner said to him
Is foreign country beyond Yotaka?
No a foreign country is a far far place you can't get to unless you were to connect many many Chou lines
CAN SOMEWHERE THAT FAR REALLY EXIST IN THIS WORLD ?

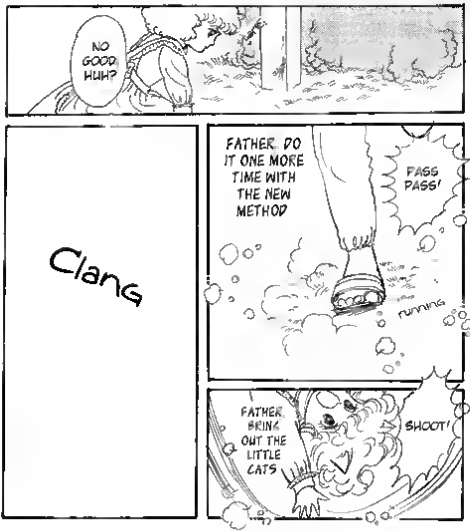
AFTER THREE COMES FOUR

I'LL MAKE MY NUMBER FOUR LOVER SUZUKINEKO-KUN.


SHE JUST GOT FAT
SHE'S GROWN A LITTLE
HER MANNERS MUST HAVE GOTTEN BETTER
THESE DAYS CHIBI HAS BEEN EATING EVERYTHING WE PUT OUT FOR HER
AND SHE DOESN'T PURR WHILE SHE'S EATING ANYMORE.
LOOK AROUND
NO ONE'S HERE
WHAT KIND OF LIGHT WOULD TURN A CAT INTO LINES?
COULD IT BE SUNLIGHT? OR MOONLIGHT? A MERCURY LAMP? OR COULD IT BE A DESK LIGHT?


Father, if you want to do basketball, then there's a new..
That's right, Chibi really likes basketball.
Ah.
HEY CHIBI, WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?
I do!
ALRIGHT, LET'S GO
HUMAN'S BECOME A POT
HUMAN EYES BECOME A POT
WHAT'S UP? SOMETHING INTERESTING ABOUT MY EYES?
stare
FASS FASS FASS
FASS FASS
SHOOT!





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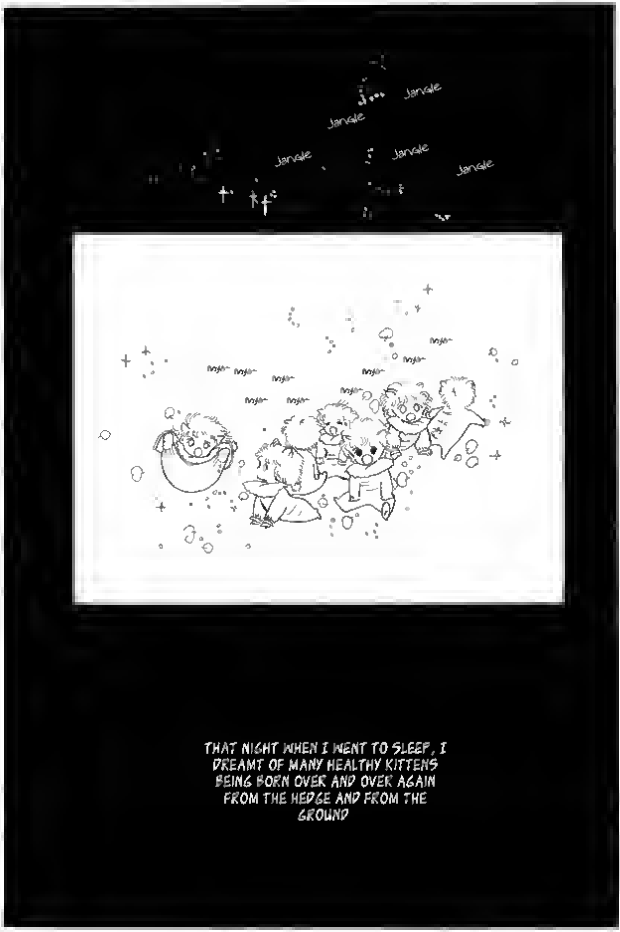

THAT NIGHT WHEN I WENT TO SLEEP, I DREAMT OF MANY HEALTHY KITTENS BEING BORN OVER AND OVER AGAIN FROM THE HEDGE AND FROM THE GROUND

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